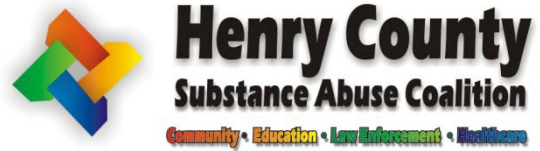


Substance Abuse Coalition Meeting
Minutes from: October 11, 2010
11:30 am – 1:00 pm
Health Education Room, Henry County Health Center



HCSAC Officers:

Chris SyWassink: *Chair Person*
Erin Housh: *Vice Chair Person*
Cassie Alaniz: *Secretary*
Jennifer Lehman: *Drug Free Community Coordinator*

Attendance:

Melissa Scheetz	Schools	Lisa Dunn	Schools
Annie Hummell	Youth Serving Organization	Chris SyWassink	Org. involved in Reducing Substance Abuse
Cassie Alaniz	Youth Serving Organization	Jodi Wasson	Agency with expertise in the field of Substance Abuse
Dean J alas	Org. involved in Reducing Substance Abuse	Erin Housh	Agency with expertise in the field of Substance Abuse
Tom Young	Community Member at Large	Kent White	Fraternal Organization
Steve Wilson	Community Member at Large	Jennifer Lehman	Drug Free Community Coordinator
Melissa Welcher-Fiedler	Org. involved in Reducing Substance Abuse	Nancy Hahn	Community Member at Large
Cherry Sandeen	Org. involved in Reducing Substance Abuse	Linda Albright	Government Agency
Darin Stater	Government Agency	Erin Pettinger	Government Agency

❖ Meeting called to order by Chair Person, Chris SyWassink at 11:40 am.

Agenda Topics and Discussion

I. Announcement

- Cherry Sandeen is now the Part Time Communications Coordinator for the Henry County Substance Abuse Coalition and Drug Free Communities.
- October 28th is Main Street Trick or Treat- volunteers for working the Coalition table will be Jodi, Chris, Jennifer Lehman, and Tom.

II. Vigil Update

- The vigil was well attended and speakers were thought to be motivating, inspiring, and appropriate to the night's activities.
- Discussion continued about displaying the Labyrinth and Wall at the Extension Office during Red Ribbon week and at RITC at other times of the year.

III. Medical Marijuana in Iowa update

- Jennifer Lehman updated the Coalition on the September 22 discussion by the Iowa Board of Pharmacy concerning policy and procedure related to Medical Marijuana in Iowa. She will notify the Coalition of any updates on legislation.
- Discussion took place about drafting a letter to the editor of the Mt. Pleasant Newspaper about what stance the Coalition wants to take. It was determined that it would more in line with the Coalition's mission to first write a letter to the Iowa Board of Pharmacy as that is where the legislation sits.
- When/if the Iowa Board of Pharmacy takes a stand on this issue, that is when the Coalition will take a position to advocate for strict laws and procedures around the prescribing of medical marijuana. It was agreed that the current draft version of the letter will be re-drafted and geared to the IA Board of Pharmacy.

IV. Drug Drop Off Event on November 13

- Will be held at the Wright Pavilion. This date was selected as the Office of Drug Control Policy is encouraging all Coalitions to have an event on this specific date across the state.
- Our event will take place between 9-11am with volunteers meeting at 8:30 am.
- Volunteers are: Chris, Steve, Jennifer Lehman, Erin, Annie, and Cherry.
- The event will be publicized on KILJ, Newspapers, Pharmacy and Doctor's offices, Funeral Homes, Schools (with Dr. Rhoeder's approval), and around town. Sharps are now able to be dropped off at Waley's.

V. Road Ahead Conference

- The Coalition is considering holding the Conference either in January or February 2011. It was agreed that February was an appropriate month for the event possibly Feb. 10.
- A discussion took place regarding who to target and what type of credits to make available. It was agreed to offer CEU's for substance abuse workers and social workers.

VI. Compliance Checks

- New London Casey's is conducting their alcohol sale suspension right now after failing the compliance checks over the past several months.
- The IA State Patrol would like to renew the contract for another year and add in additional random OWI checks. It was discussed that the IA State Patrol would supply the Coalition with a proposal on price and the number of checks requested.
- There are currently 2 Compliance Checks written into the grant, if additional checks are required we would need a proposal.
- The Coalition is able to promote that OWI checks are taking place in a general way, such as a PSA about driving safe over the holidays as more patrol officers are on the roads. Promotion like this aligns with our mission as it reduces substance abuse.

VII. Responsible Beverage Training

- Jennifer Lehman updated the Coalition on our request for a city ordinance in Mt. Pleasant regarding mandatory use of this training. A letter was submitted to the City Council but we have not heard back from them.

VI. Discussion postponed to the next Coalition Meeting

- We need to talk with Ike's handler about increasing drug checks with the drug dog.